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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP - CEYLON FLORA PROJECT

1. DR. B. KUNDU OF BOTANICAL SURVEY OF INDIA, CALCUTTA,
HAS BEEN RESEARCH COLLABORATOR FOR BOTANICAL FAMILY
MENISPERMACEAE FOR CEYLON FLORA PROJECT BEING UNDERTAKEN
BY NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, F. RAYMOND
FOSBEG, PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR.

2. KUNDU JUST REPORTED HE IS ON POINT OF PUBLICATION
HIS PORTION OF THIS RESEARCH, BUT LACKS FIELD RESEARCH
DATA ON BLOSSOMING CYCLE OF 3 NEWLY DISCOVERED SPECIES
WHICH BLOOM SRI LANKA IN MARCH AND APRIL. FOSBERG
HAS REQUESTED KUNDU RETURN TO SRI LANKA DURING MARCH -
APRIL 1975 IN ORDER PERMIT PUBLICATION ON SCHEDULE.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED INITIATE NECESSARY REQUEST TO GOI
FOR APPROVAL USE PL-480 INDIAN RUPEE FUNDS TO SUPPORT
KUNDU TRAVEL CALCUTTA, COLOMBO AND RETURN. KISSINGER

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